

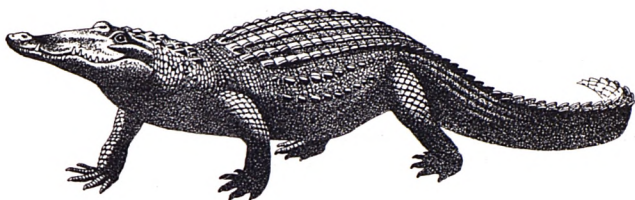
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doctor jack, you have  
with surreptitious tetracycline  
relieved our jolly roger of the clap,  
restoring him to genial accuracy at the billiards table  
and to a new lease on lubricity.

grandeur yet, by taking our little waif, clotilde,  
to your pharmaceutical heart  
you have preserved the clutch of us  
from the vengeance of her so oft abused pudendum.

jack, you are a prince of fellows,  
tried as ham-on-rye, as true as pretzels,  
a gourmet of camaraderie  
and of nostalgic paris street-songs.

thus i dedicate to you  
this quarter in the edith piaf jukebox --  
may your stethoscope never cease to sound  
the amplitude and frequency of human frailty.

-- Gerald Locklin

Long Beach, California